

SECTION III—REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 7 October 2008. Claim 33 is amended and claim 36 is canceled. Claims 33-35 and 37-42 remain pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 36 for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claim would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have canceled claim 36 and amended its limitations into its base claim, claim 33. There were no intervening claims. Applicants submit that claim 33 is therefore allowable and respectfully request allowance of claim 33 and all its dependent claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 33-35 and 37-39 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 3,528,494 to Levedahl (“*Levedahl*”). Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner’s rejection is rendered moot by the amendments made to independent claim 33.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 40-42 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious in view of, and therefore unpatentable over, *Levedahl* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,044,661 to Pfister *et al.* (“*Pfister*”). Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner’s rejection is rendered moot by the amendments made to independent claim 33.

Conclusion

Given the above amendments and accompanying remarks, all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to allowance of the claims, the Examiner is requested to specifically point out where such teaching may be found. Further, if there are any informalities or questions that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 292-8600.

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Respectfully submitted,

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